To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 399 without my signature.

While the goals of this bill are laudable, the mandates in this measure are overly prescriptive and create significant state, local and private compliance costs. Additionally, this bill is inconsistent with the Integrated Waste Management Act, which expressly grants local governments discretion over what types of programs are used to achieve the State's diversion goals.

While I cannot sign this bill, I encourage the Integrated Waste Management Board to provide adequate tools and resources to local jurisdictions to implement multifamily recycling programs.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger